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## OKLAHOMA-TUCUMCARI AUTO ROUTE IS BEST

Good Towns, Shortest Route  
and Easiest to Follow, is  
What We Have

Some of our county boosters are determined to kill poor old Tucumcari if they can just because, because, because. To tell the truth we think Tucumcari is a credit to Quay county and if every town in the county was just as good there would be no question about Quay county being the best county in the entire state. We have a town full of live boosters and perhaps some of them get to anxious to tell what good things we do have and some times overrate it a little but if the county leaders would not fight every proposition Tucumcari tries to put through we would have a better county and the citizens of Tucumcari would not seem half so bad as they would now have us to believe.

Tucumcari citizens are not made of the "sit back and wait" class but are always found in the front, not only working for Tucumcari but for whole Quay county. We should not let the past political fights enter into other matters of vital importance. Remember the old story about the two dogs who got into a fight over the possession of a bone and the third dog came along and carried off the bone. If you can't push for Tucumcari, push for Quay county and let the people know you are good enough to let merit decide our little differences. Following is a letter from Roy A. Prentice, who was chosen secretary of the Quay County Good Roads Association. The other members of the Official Board are of the best pushers in the county and with men of this kind backing an organization you can rest assured that nothing but good will be the result.

Editor News.  
My attention has been called to an article written by Mr. J. W. Moncus, published in the "Pioneer News," at House, New Mexico, regarding the Interstate Highway which is routed to run from Oklahoma City, through to Sayre, Amarillo and Tucumcari and in which article Mr. Moncus takes occasion to severely criticize the route, the country through which it passes and the towns and people along the route and compares it very unfavorably with the route running through Clovis and House, New Mexico, and along the southern border of the county.

We have no desire to enter into any controversy with persons interested in any other route running through this county as to the merits of the various routes for the reason that we feel that every foot of road constructed in the County, no matter where located, will be of benefit to the whole county and the fact remains that through travel will follow the lines of least resistance and take the shortest and best route to a given point, no matter how much knocking may be done against that route. If the route by way of Ima is the best through the county, the travel will find it out and go that way, but if it is not, then we may at least expect to get our full share of it.

Our Interstate Highway route is 80 miles shorter than any other; the distance from Amarillo to Tucumcari is being made in five hours elapsed time and does not require hard driving at that, the same time being made below the Cap Rock as on the Plains. The road is all signed and marked, but neither of these is necessary as the road follows the right of way of the Rock Island railway all the way from Amarillo to El Paso. The only directions necessary to give a traveler is to "Follow the Railroad," and there is no need for him to watch out for sign posts. All one needs to do is to admire the scenery and drive.

Mr. Moncus may think the towns of Wildorado, Vega, Adrian and Glenrio in Texas and Endee and San Jon, New Mexico, are dead and that their merchants only do business with "Greaser Section Hands," but if he had been with us last Thursday when the Tucumcari Boosters were returning from Amarillo and had seen the crowds of live Good Roads enthusiasts in each town where we stopped he would necessarily have been convinced that the trade of "Section Hands" makes a mighty good foundation upon which to build a town, if they are the ones that are supporting the merchants in those places.

The County of Oldham, in Texas, in

which are situated the towns of Wildorado, Vega, Adrian and Glenrio have appropriated Six Thousand Dollars as a beginning to put the road in first-class shape from the Cap Rock to the State Line and if that is not enough, they will use more. The county does not owe a cent and has two hundred thousand dollars loaned out at interest, so that they certainly have strong financial backing.

The citizens of Rock Island, Endee and San Jon have formed Good Roads Associations and are now engaged in getting the road in shape from the state line west to Revuelto and our Association has just finished putting the finishing touches to the road from Tucumcari to Revuelto and on west from Tucumcari to Hanley. Montoya, Newkirk and Cuervo have the road in good shape from Hanley to Santa Rosa.

We feel that no good can be accomplished by entering into a controversy as to whether one road in the County is better than another. What we would like to see is every road in the county made into a good road and kept in a splendid state of repair and that is what we will boost for, and we trust that every other community will join in with us and help us to accomplish this end as it is a matter of the greatest interest to us all.

Yours very truly,  
R. A. PRENTICE, Sec'y

## GENERAL MANAGER SMALLEY DIED LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Topeka, Kans., May 8.—J. B. Smalley, assistant general manager of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad headquarters in Topeka, died at an early hour this morning. He suffered a stroke of paralysis while superintending the construction of bridges across the flooded waters of the Cimarron river at Arkalon, Kansas, Wednesday morning, and never regained consciousness.

Mr. Smalley began his railway career forty years ago as a station helper on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. He was considered one of the best operating officials on the Rock Island and was known widely through railway circles in the west.

## CHECK ARTISTS, COUNTER- FEIT MONEY VENDERS

Infest Tucumcari and Other  
Towns. Will Make It  
Hot for Them

Last Friday a boomer, who gave his name as F. S. Foster, arrived in our city and proceeded to act up and got caught in the act. He went into the second hand store and bought some furniture and other things which amounted to about \$7.45. He gave Mr. O'Roke a check for \$20 and the second hand man gave him a check in exchange to the amount of \$12.55. Foster immediately went into the Eager Grocery store and cashed the check and beat it for the railroad.

Mr. O'Roke became suspicious and as soon as the bank was open at nine that morning, or two hours after Foster had bought the goods, he asked if the man had any money in the bank. He was told that the man was unknown and never did have any money there, so the officers were summoned and they soon located the forger at the depot and put him under arrest. He was tried before Justice McElroy, who sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail. He had \$11.20 in cash when taken into custody, having bought a shirt and a few other articles for which he paid \$1.35.

There have been numerous crooks in our city during the past few weeks and as evidence of this fact you may ask some of the merchants who are still holding some of the counterfeit money they put into circulation. The bogus money is a very crude imitation of the real article and it seems strange that a person could get away with a deed so coarse, but most of us are so glad to get our mits on a piece of cash we do not test every piece that comes our way.

We think Tucumcari has had her share of this kind of work and it will not be very long for many more to come our way because the authorities are in a humor not wholly in letting the miscreant off with a little fine.

HEREFORD BULLS FOR  
SALE. Inquire at First National  
Bank of Tucumcari.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE THIS WEEK FOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Commencement week is now more than half over, and the teachers and scholars have had a busy week. Sunday the opera house was filled with a large audience to hear the program and baccalaureate address. Eld Hearn, of the Christian church delivered the address, which was forceful and instructive. The other numbers on the program were of the usual high class.

Other programs have been rendered through the week, and schools have been the scene of many social gatherings as are usually caused by the closing of school.

The moving pictures that were to have been taken today will be taken tomorrow afternoon, on account of the rain. The stores will be closed, and everybody in town is invited to be present.



Stella Alford Eula Street Monette Sandosky Minnie Horn

The graduating class of 1914 consists of four young ladies whose pictures are given above, and the exercises in honor of this class will be given at the opera house tomorrow night. The program as given last week will be carried out as nearly as possible.

## ELABORATE DRINKING FOUNTAIN IS INSTALLED

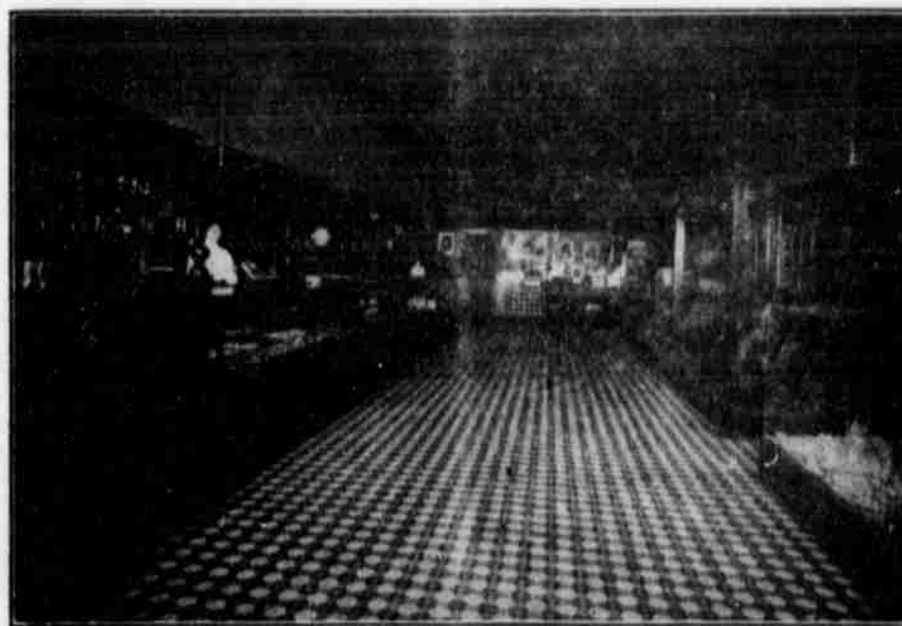
Womans' Club Spends Time  
and Money to Improve  
Accommodations

The Womans' club of Tucumcari, who gave a home talent minstrel show recently, has invested the earnings in a new sanitary drinking fountain for the use of the public.

This fountain will cost about \$125.00 and is being placed at the corner of Main and Second streets, next to the Miller Drug Store. The water will be furnished free by the city and a large electric light, which was donated by the electric light company, will be placed on top of the fountain and kept lighted free by the company.

This excellent improvement shows us what women can do for a town. They are always awake to the welfare of the public and when they attempt to do a thing you can rest assured it will be done right.

Tucumcari has several wideawake clubs and they seem to think of helping others enjoy the pleasures as well as having many pleasant social gatherings for their own amusement. If it were not for the women in a town what in the sam patch would us men do when it comes to making the town more inviting to the many visitors we entertain every year. We are glad the women are alive to the needs of our city and when they see fit to have another entertainment go out and patronize them because they have something in mind that will make it worth while.



The above picture is that of the jewelry store of L. Blitz, jeweler, who has been located in Tucumcari for several years. This store is filled with a stock of cut glass, watches, diamonds and all kinds of jewelry usually kept in a first-class store. The photo shows for itself as to size and neatness.

## HUDSON FARMERS' DISCUSSION WAS A PHONOGRAPH SUCCESS

Punctual to the hour, the star of Prof. Mundell stood at the Hudson school house door before one o'clock. The lectures of the speakers of the afternoon were delivered to a full house and an appreciative audience. Prof. Trumbull of El Paso opened the discussions on Soils. The next address was the maiden effort extemporaneously of Mr. H. G. Smith of the Tucumcari station. His remarks were especially appreciated because of the concrete examples which he illustrated from time to time, making the understanding of his subject by the audience absolutely certain. He produced the three standard forms of seed-germinating testers, and all were so simple that even our boys and girls feel eminently competent to construct one of any type whatever. Prof. Mundell delighted the audience, and gave many happy suggestions helpful to this locality. His farm-products pictures were exceptionally good, and afforded a basis for interesting and instructive questions in the social hour, which followed. Mr. Alonzo Reed gave a reading and the lectures were sandwiched by music from the Mountain-view community, our immediate neighbors on the west. A local chorus by the school children closed the program. Socially, intellectually, professionally, in every way, we feel that the lectures were a success. A public vote of sincere thanks was tendered the speakers who so kindly furnished the entertainment, and by way of emphasis it is repeated here. Please come again.

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EL PASO HERALD,  
El Paso, Texas

## QUAY COUNTY LEADS IN COLLECTION OF 1913 TAXES

Treasurer Pearson Proves to  
the Voters His Ability  
as a Collector

Quay county leads in the percentage of taxes for 1913 collected thus far which is 57.63, or more than 7 per cent greater than the nearest rival, Curry county having a per cent of 50.45. San Joaquin county is at the bottom of the list, both in per cent which is 27.30 and in the amount of taxes collected thus far, \$22,615.99, most of which was contributed by the Santa Fe railroad company. The taxes collected to date or reported to Santa Fe was \$68,764.98. This speaks pretty well for Mr. Pearson our county treasurer and collector, as a man competent and who attends to the duties of his office and also for Quay county. It pays to elect a man who attends to business every day in the year, who plays no favorites when it comes to collecting the taxes. His best friends are required to pay up or suffer the penalties just the same as strangers. The News desires to extend congratulations to Mr. Pearson for the success he has had this year in putting Quay at the top of the list.

## TUCUMCARI MARKETS GIVEN EVERY WEEK

Local Merchants Report the  
Following Prices Paid  
for Produce

The following is a list of prices prevailing on the date mentioned below. We have endeavored to cover the ground so the farmers may bring their produce to town with a knowledge of what they may expect to receive:  
Wednesday, May 13  
Maize, hulled, 1.75.  
Cane Seed, 3.00  
Feterita Seed 2.75 to 3.25  
Cane, baled, 18.00 per ton.  
Millet, baled, 18.00 per ton.  
Hens, 11 1/2 per lb.  
Springs 15c per pound.  
Butter, .20 per lb.  
Eggs, per dozen, 15.  
Maize Heads per ton 24.00  
Broom Corn per ton 65.00

## NEW STREET LIGHTS SOON TO BE READY

Thirty Additional Lights to  
Be Put In By the First  
Day of June

The city of Tucumcari will soon be one of the best lighted small cities anywhere. The electric light company has been busily engaged putting in new poles, wires and other necessary appliances to install the new Series Tungsten System recently contracted for by the city council.

After a series of meetings and the submitting of several propositions, the electric light company finally took the matter upon itself to put up the money to buy the new material and install the new lighting system.

The city council offered to contract with the company for a ten years' service if the company would put in the lines and furnish everything. The city dads are to pay \$105.00 a month for all the street lights or \$66 more than they have already been paying, while the company is to put in the system and keep it in first-class condition.

Mr. Riehle, the local manager, said the cost to his company would be about \$1800.00, which would be \$1000.00 less than the city could have put in an independent line, on account of being in a position to use a number of poles already in service.

An extra force of men has been put to work and it is expected that the lights will be in place and ready for use on June 1. There will be thirty new powerful lights distributed through the main residence portion and placed to the best advantage possible to obtain the best results.

The city council has worked hard to find some way to secure lights in the residence portion, but on account of a limited surplus capital, it has been impossible to accept the contract as offered by the light company, but some time ago the council made the company the best offer within their power and the company finally accepted.

The electric company, under the new management, has always seemed to take considerable interest in the welfare of Tucumcari and our citizens should appreciate both the work of the council and that of the company for making it possible for Tucumcari to obtain so many street lights under a contract so liberal as this one seems to be.

## FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS AT PHOTOPLAY

Saturday Afternoon is Best  
of Its Kind Ever Shown  
in Tucumcari

The Photoplay put on a special performance of the feature play which is to be given next Saturday night, entitled "From the Manger to the Cross." The picture is put on in five parts and every part is biblical history. It commences with the prophecies of the coming of Christ and hurried yet gives the main features of Christ's birth, life and crucifixion. The parts are so realistic it makes one shudder to think how cruel our Saviour was treated during his stay on earth. If you want to get a clearer understanding of the new testament and see pictures taken in the holy lands around Jerusalem and Egypt you should not miss this attraction next Saturday. Some time ago the "Star of Bethlehem" was given in our city, but for clearness of picture and from a historical or entertainment standpoint the picture to be shown on Saturday is far the best.

LAST CALL TO PAY POLL TAX  
All parties who have not paid their poll tax are hereby notified that same are now delinquent and must be paid at office of E. W. Bowen, Collector, at once.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing in a meager way, our sincere thanks for and appreciation of the universal sympathy, love and kindness extended us by the people of Tucumcari, during the illness and death of our baby girl.  
Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Evans.